GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2242
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LTC to A&N
Raju Shri Gokaraju Ganga

Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government employees are allowed to visit Andaman and Nicobar under LTC scheme and allowed to travel by Air from Kolkata, Chennai and Bhubaneswar to Port Blair;

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether Air India flights are in operation from all these destinations to Port Blair, particularly from Bhubaneswar;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government proposes to include by Air travel from Visakhapatnam to Port Blair the other route where Air India flights are in operation; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions and Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office. (DR. JITENDRA SINGH)
(a): As per the extant instructions, the Government employees are allowed to travel by air on LTC to Jammu & Kashmir (J&K), North-East Region (NER) and Andaman & Nicobar Islands (A&N) subject to the conditions prescribed in DoPT's O.M. No. 31011/3/2014-Estt.A-IV dated 19.09.2016.
(b) & (c): The Govt. employees entitled to travel by air may travel from their Headquarters/place of posting directly to the place of visit. However, for non-entitled employees, air travel has been allowed in economy class of Air India at LTC-80 fare or less between Kolkata/ Chennai/ Bhubaneswar and Port Blair.
Air India is operating daily flights from Kolkata/Chennai to Port Blair and vice-versa. However, flights between Bhubaneswar to Port Blair are not being operated by Air India at present.
(d) & (e): Presently there is no proposal to include air route of Vishakhapatnam to Port Blair in the current scheme.

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